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MCC trains staff for Census-2027

15-day self-enumeration to commence from April 1

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&DM)- The Census-2027 exercise will start in Karnataka as part of Census of India from tomorrow with a 15-day self-enumeration from Apr. 1 to 15.

Ahead of the exercise, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) held a two-day training session for census enumerators at 16 centres across the city on Mar. 29 and 30.

The census enumeration is carried out in two phases, commencing with house listing and ending with population enumeration. This is India's first digital census which will be held in two phases from Apr. 1, 2026 to Mar. 1, 2027.

The first census in India was conducted in a non-synchronous manner in 1872 and since 1881, it has been conducted every 10 years. Accordingly, the previous census was to be held in 2021, but was postponed due to COVID pandemic. The first phase of census-2027 will begin with self-enumeration from Apr. 1 during which the citizens can provide data in the 33-point questionnaire form published in ***www.se.census.gov.in.***

Mysuru City Corporation Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Somashekar Jigani addressing census enumerators during a training session in city.

The questionnaire seeks data on building and household characteristics such as usage, materials, room count, ownership status, sources of water and electricity. Later, those who have taken part in self-enumeration (Apr. 1 to 15) will get a Self-Enumeration ID Number in their mobile phones. Citizens can show this ID number to the enumerators who visit homes for verification and carry out house listing and housing census between Apr. 16 and May 16.

(See CENSUS on page 8)

Highway toll dearer from tomorrow

FASTag compulsory for vehicles travelling on National Highways

Bengaluru, Mar. 31- With the commencement of new financial year (2026-27) from tomorrow (Apr. 1), motorists travelling on tolled Highways across the State, including the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, must get ready for paying increased fee at the Toll Plazas.

The NHAI has hiked the toll fee by 3 to 5 percent. As a result, the toll fee will become dearer on 9 prominent National Highways, including the busy Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, it is learnt.

FASTag must

FASTag (Fast Electronic Toll Collection System) is compulsory for all 4-wheelers and commercial vehicles travelling on National Highways from tomorrow. FASTag is compulsory to avoid hefty penalties and to ensure smooth passage at Toll Plazas. Or else, twice the cost of toll must be paid in cash.

The FASTag annual pass fee for non-commercial vehicles has been increased to Rs. 3,075 from Apr. 1, 2026, from the current Rs. 3,000.

After iconic Elephant Statue Circle...

Now, traffic signal poles invade historic Elgin Fountain Circle

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MK&KS)- Mysuru city, known as heritage city due to Palaces, Temples and Circles, is also home to numerous artistically designed Circles. One such Circle is the Elgin Fountain Circle (officially named as Dr. Rajkumar Circle), having oldest fountain with historic importance too.

But now, the Traffic Police, who are on a signal lights installation spree, have marred beauty of the Circle located at the junction of three roads — Ashoka Road, Shivaji Road and Bengaluru-Mysuru Road in N.R. Mohalla — by erecting signal poles inside the island of this Circle.

(See POLES on page 5)

Traffic signal poles erected inside the island of Elgin Fountain Circle in city.

Intl. Women's Day Special...

To commemorate International Women's Day and to celebrate women from different fields, *Star of Mysore* is publishing special articles during the month since Mar. 8. Today *SOM* will be concluding the series with an interview of Architect and Academic Dr. H.S. Champa, who has contributed significantly to urban design and conservation-led initiatives in Mysuru. **—Ed**

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 31st March 2026

Hoysala Award presentation on Apr. 5

Mysuru, Mar. 31- As many as 15 personalities, who strived for the cause of land and language, will be conferred the prestigious State-level Hosyala Award-2025 at a programme organised by Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Patrika Balaga, marking its 26th anniversary, at Kannada Sahitya Parishat in Vijayanagar at 10.30 am on Apr. 5.

Columnist and retired DRDO, New Delhi's Public Relations Officer Jayaprakash Puttur's work 'Vyaktitva Vikasana Vicharadhare' will be released by senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar on the occasion.

Padma Shri awardee M. Ankegowda will inaugurate the programme in the presence of Melukote Vangipura Mutt Seer Ilai Alwar Swamiji. Poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar will release Savigannada Patrike's 26th anniversary special issue. District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, noted Diabetologist Dr. V. Lakshminarayan and Sanskrit scholar Dr. K. Leela Prakash will be present.

The 15 personalities who will be conferred with Hoysala Award are: Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, Dr. N.S. Rangaraju, Dr. Gurubasavaraj, Dr. Manjappashetty Masagali, Dr. Vamanrao Bekal, D. Thippanna, G.S. Ashok Kumar, B. Ramesh, Arasikumar, Dr. Malathi Kumar, Dr. Geetha Naval, Dr. Anupama, Prof. H.S. Umadevi, Jyothi Guruprasad and Vidushi Pallavi Raghavendra.

Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju and social worker Raghuram Vajpayee will confer the award. *Karnataka Kalashri* Dr. V. Nanjundaswamy will deliver the felicitation address while Science writer S. Ramprasad will be the chief guest. Author Jayaprakash Puttur and Savigannada Patrike Editor Ranganath Mysore will be present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ADVAITA PHILOSOPHY: ***Advaita Vedanta, a profound philosophical system established by Sri Adi Sankaracharya, teaches the principle of non-duality. Its central doctrine asserts that there exists only one ultimate reality, known as Brahman. This reality is infinite, formless and beyond all attributes. According to this philosophy, the individual self (Atman) is not different from Brahman; both are essentially one and the same.***

A key concept in Advaita is Maya — the illusion that makes the world appear diverse and separate. This illusion, rooted in ignorance (Avidya), prevents individuals from realising the underlying unity of existence. Sri Kanchi Mahaswamy has lucidly explained the concept of Advaita philosophy, making it understandable even to a layman through various examples.

In a discourse. Smt. Desa Mangaiyarkarasi illustrated that when a person is asleep and dreaming, they may experience various situations — pleasant or unpleasant, joyful or distressing. These experiences feel real within the dream. However, upon waking, the individual recognises that the dream was merely an illusion and their perception changes entirely.

This analogy is used to explain the nature of reality. Just as the dream appears real until one awakens, the world appears divided and separate due to ignorance. In truth, there is only one unified existence. Similarly, there may be various ornaments in different shapes, sizes and forms, but the common thing in all of them is the gold.

The concept of realising this oneness is not immediate. It requires time, deep understanding and consistent practice. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Monastery carved into a chalk mountain

Voronezh: The Church of John the Baptist, an old monastery carved into a white mountain of chalk in Russia's Voronezh region, is one of the world's most visually-striking Christian places of worship.

Russia is home to some of the most beautiful and intricately decorated religious buildings in the world, but very few of them manage to impress by blending into their natural surroundings. One such rare edifice is the Church of John the Baptist, part of the Divnogorye Museum-Reserve in Voronezh. First mentioned in historical documents dating back to the 17th century, this unique monastery is carved in the side of a mountain of chalk, with its decorative bell tower sitting on the mountain itself.

Not much is known about the origins of the Church of John the Baptist. Some say it dates back to the 12th century, and that it was founded by Greek monks Xenophon and Joasaf, while others believe it was the work of two Sicilian monks, sometime in the 1600s.

Old water tower turned into cozy home

Amsterdam: Two cousins from the Dutch town of Nieuw-Lekkerland recently received an award for turning an old water tower into a modern and stylish home for their respective families.

Sven and Lennart de Jong grew up in a house right next to the old water tower of Nieuw-Lekkerland, and used to paly in it as kids, so in 2011, when they heard it was being put up for auction, they decided to place a bid. The approximately 2,00,000 euros they bid proved to be enough and the two became the owners of an abandoned building from 1915. Sven and Lennart knew that they had their work cut out, but they dreamt of making the water tower their home in a decade's time and managed to pull it off. For their achievement, the two received the 2020 Water Tower Award, a distinction for the best conversion of a historic water tower.

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Elected as office-bearers

Mysuru, Mar.31- The following have been elected as office-bearers of Mysuru District PU College (Economics) Principals and Lecturers Forum: Hon. President - John, Hon. Mentors - Janardhan, Javaregowda, Myna, Dinesh, Ningaraju, Nagaraj, Rachaiah and Nagaraj, Hon. Advisors - Former Principals Shivegowda and Nagegowda, Forum President - Kote Venkatesh, Vice-President - Srinivas, K.R. Nagar and Gunashekar, Secretary - Srinivas of Maharani's College, Joint Secretaries - Lingamani and Shashikala, General Secretary - Dr. K.M. Krishna, Treasurer - Ajay Hebsur, District Convenor - Javaraiah and Taluk representatives - Hemakumar, Swamygowda, Manjunath, K.R. Nagar, Mahadeva, Nagaswamy, Karunakar, Zameer Ahmed and Chandrakanth.

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- ***Sikhism originated in the Holy City of Amritsar in Punjab. Famous for housing the Golden Temple, the city was founded in 1577.***
- ***Varanasi, also known as Benaras, was called "the Ancient City" when Lord Buddha visited it in 500 B.C., and is the oldest, continuously inhabited city in the world today.***
- ***India's coastline stretches over 7,500 kilometres, with popular beach destinations like Goa, Kerala and the Andaman Islands attracting tourists worldwide.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Democracy of Indian Railways: Unity in Diversity

Sir,

This is with reference to Dr. R. Balasubramaniam's article ***"The Democracy of the Indian Railways"*** in *SOM* dated Mar. 11.

The article aptly highlights an unmistakable facet of India — that of the norm of 'adjusting' *a.k.a 'swalpa adjust maadi'* in our sometimes endearing and often difficult-to-refuse vernacular request. The writer rightly states, 'we share a country the way we share those compartments.'

In a large and diverse country like India, we knew we could not, and we cannot, always find ourselves conveniently placed in our own mental and physical 'First class, AC or General' compartments. We knew the value of accepting one another.

Despite our disparate lives with deep social divides and different cultures, we somehow managed to create some space for each other, sometimes willingly, sometimes grudgingly, but we did it anyway.

And this is not to say things were always hunky-dory. We did have some gut-wrenching episodes where the concept of 'sharing space' was totally discarded.

However, these episodes were mostly triggered by those ill-disposed towards harmony, but in the end, the ordinary, common man managed to limp back with some dignity. His belief in unity was shaken, but never forgotten and ignored. And in that lay our strength.

Indeed, today, the question is "are we willing enough to make space for each other in this large, beautiful, chaotic place that we Indians can all call our own?"

—Dr. Nasheed
on e-mail

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'Vocational Excellence Award' conferred

Mysuru-based Paramjit Singh** (second from right), **National Tournament Director of the Indian Golf Union (IGU), being conferred with 'Vocational Excellence Award' during the Award Night organised by Rotary Club of Madras T. Nagar (RI District 3233) at Chennai yesterday in recognition of his outstanding contributions and professional integrity to golf. He is seen with** (from left) **Club President Rtn. Dr. Pravin Tellakula, Past President Dr. Mohan Rajan, Tennis Legend** Padma Shri **Vijay Amritraj and Rotary District Governor Rtn. D. Devendran.

Elected as MRC Members

Geetika *Dr. Ravi* *Nanaiah* *Salman* *Shivaswaroop*

Mysuru, Mar. 31- The following candidates have been declared elected as the Members of Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd. during the Membership elections held at MRC here yesterday:

Geetika Basapa (157 votes), Dr. K. Ravi (147 votes), Kalengada Mandanna Nanaiah (133 votes), Mohammed Salman (126 votes) and A.S. Shivaswaroop Urs (123 votes).

Election was held between 10 am and 5.30 pm. A total of 9 members had contested in the elections, which was held for the 5 vacancies. In all, 201 ballot papers were polled among which two were declared invalid.

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As the Founder of Beyond Taalas, she has built a 15-year-old dance and arts movement that has redefined creative expression by blending tradition with modern styles. With the launch of Beyond Taalas 2.0 at Vijayanagar High Tension Road, the studio now offers a wide range of dance forms along with yoga, dance fitness and workshops. Beyond Taalas is also a dedicated space for dance training and summer camps, focusing on creativity, discipline, and value-based learning for children. With over 28 years of experience in dance, trained under renowned Gurus including **Saroj Khan, Dr. Pooja has performed in over 500 events and continues to inspire as an artist who never stops dancing and encourages budding talent.** She has been conducting value-based summer camps for over 15 years and has both organized and received recognition through Women Achievement

and Women Achievers Awards across platforms. As a partner of Mysuru Santhe, and a curator of corporate performances for organizations like Infosys and Tech Mahindra, she continues to make a meaningful impact. She is currently serving as the Principal of Daksha College for UG and PG programs, leading with vision, passion, and purpose.

A recipient of numerous accolades-including the Woman of Substance Award (2023), Manipal Sakhi Award (2023), SIIWA Award, Super Sadaki Award (2019), and the prestigious Rastrapathi Award for community development- Dr. Pooja's creativity and impact Recognised at Dasara stage for women achievers in the field of art.

A researcher, speaker, performer, and mentor, she continues to inspire through her talks on entrepreneurship, work-life balance, stress management, and personality development.

At her core, Dr. Pooja Joshi Igoor believes:

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NEWS BRIEFS

Computer training

Samarthanam Organisation for the Disabled, Mysuru, will be conducting a free three-month computer class for unemployed women. The classes will commence on Apr. 1 and will be held from 10 am to 4 pm daily. The course focuses on BPO, computer skills, communication skills, banking, finance and insurance services. The candidates should have passed SSLC and be in the age group of 18 to 35 years. Preference will be given for economically backward and poor women. For details, visit the Organisation's Office at No.676, New K-21, near Lakshmi Theatre, Chamaraja Double Road (100 ft. Road), K.R. Mohalla, Mysuru or contact Mob: 63648-67818 or 90350-84948 or 90350-84949.

Deadline extended

Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun, has extended the deadline for submission of application forms by Karnataka boy and girl students for admission to 8th standard, to Apr. 15. The earlier deadline was April 5. The entrance exam for admission will be held at Bengaluru on June 7. The students should be currently studying in 7th standard and be aged between 11.5 years and 13 years (born between Jan. 2, 2014 and July 1, 2015). For details, contact Ph: 080-25589459.

Free Cancer Clinic

A free Cancer Detection Clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on Apr. 2 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259, according to a press release.

Former MLC Madhusudan bereaved

Mysuru, Mar. 31- Nagaveni Bai (90), wife of late Gopalakrishnachar and mother of former MLC G. Madhusudan, passed away yesterday in Bengaluru.

Nagaveni Bai

She leaves behind sons G. Madhusudan, G. Shashikumar and G. Sudarshan, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Nagaveni was staying at her son Shashikumar's residence at Rajajinagar in Bengaluru since a few days and was availing medical treatment.

Last rites were held at T.R. Mill Burial Grounds at Chamarajapet in Bengaluru this noon.

LPG commercial cylinders supply resumes

Hotels back in business, but...

Capping on number of cylinders to be supplied by fuel companies through authorised dealers; owners of restaurants, bakeries, sweet stalls heave a sigh of relief

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (BLU&BS)- Finally, the hoteliers, bakery and sweet stall owners in the city, are heaving a sigh of relief, with the resumption in supply of LPG commercial cylinders.

Ever since the US, Israel war against Iran began on Feb. 28, the hospitality industry in the country was the worst hit, with some of them shutting shops, with the disruption in supplies of LPG from the middle east, as most of the vessels including that of India, transport LPG through Strait of Hormuz, that comes in the jurisdiction of Iran. Now, recently two vessels belonging to India passed through Hormuz and reached the destination here, carrying over 92,000 tonnes of LPG.

However, it would take some more time for the normalcy in LPG supply chain to return. For now, the commercial cylinders are supplied to the consumers, albeit with riders. The consumers should apply in a prescribed format to the authorised dealers of fuel companies like IOCL, BPCL and HPCL, for a refill. Most importantly, they should provide GST number, PAN and license numbers, to avail the benefit. They are charged Rs. 2,400 per refill.

Subsequently, the LPG dealers will forward the application and documents to the fuel companies through online. The companies, after scrutinising the applications, are giving their consent, but with a capping on number of cylinders to be supplied to each consumer.

Cooks skip work...

While the hoteliers are back in business, following the resumption of supply of LPG commercial cylinders, the worry over lack of staff, mainly cooks, remains to be addressed. When the crisis began, with the eateries resorting to cooking over traditional stoves using firewood, those cooks who lacked expertise in the same, abstained from work. The hoteliers had purchased huge quantity of firewood from the depots, due to the fear of losing business, but the workers who were used to cooking on gas stoves, stayed away from work.

Blackmarket

On the other hand, the ease in LPG supplies, is expected to put a brake on black market. The LPG dealers who were receiving loads of cylinders, were selling the same through their sub-dealers or agents, cashing in on the demand especially by the hotel industry.

The city alone requires an estimated 4,000 LPG commercial cylinders daily, with each hotel having a necessity of 5 to 8 cylinders per day. Now, 2 to 5 cylinders are supplied to those consumers, who have stamp of approval from the companies, who operate through about 25 dealers here.

Hoteliers Assn.

President of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association C. Narayanagowda said, the supply of commercial cylinders to hotels has resumed, hinting at improvement in the situation, that had turned worse due to the ongoing war for the past one month. However, the Government has made it mandatory to obtain the service only through authorised dealers, so that the only respective consumers must benefit from the same.

LPG Dealers Association

President of State LPG Dealers Association Mehul J. Patel said, now only 30% of cylinders are being supplied to the hotel and other food industries, with the remaining 70% of supplies expected to resume next month. With this, the crisis will be resolved by the end of April.

'Karnataka is on top in Medical Education'

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (VVH&DM)- Asserting that Karnataka has emerged as the topmost Health Hub in the country, Minister for Medical Education Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil said, apart from the Government efforts, the role of Private Medical Institutions too is big in this regard.

He was speaking at the inauguration of Cath Lab, various other medical facilities and Breast Milk Bank at JSS Hospital on M.G. Road here on Sunday.

Pointing out that there are 1.15 lakh Medical seats in the country, out of which Karnataka alone accounts for 14,000, Dr. Patil said, at present, there are 71 Medical colleges in the State. These colleges are producing quality doctors and other Medical staff, he noted.

Continuing, the Minister said that the Karnataka Government opened up Medical, Engineering and other professional course to Private Institutions in the 1960s. This has led to a Medical revolution of sorts in the State, he said adding that Institutions like JSS of Mysuru and KLE of Belagavi are in the forefront of this revolution, by rendering yeoman service to the society.

State Women's Commission Chairperson Dr. Nagalakshmi Choudhary, who inaugurated Breast Milk Bank at JSS Hospital in city on Sunday, is seen with** (from right) **Minister for Medical Education Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, MLAs T.S. Srivatsa and P.M. Narendraswamy.

Pointing out that the Government is starting Medical colleges in every district of the State, Dr. Patil said, this will give the talented poor students an opportunity for getting Medical education and providing better health care. This apart, the Government is establishing Super-Specilaity, Cancer and Trauma Care Centres, he added.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, in his address, said that Suttur Mutt and JSS Hospital are rendering services to the society, which the Government cannot do. "I have appealed the Government for an exclusive crematorium for animals in Harishchandra Ghat area at the foot of Chamundi Hill," he pointed out.

MLA P.M. Narendraswamy, who is also the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Chairman, said that Suttur Mutt, apart from Education and *Anna Dasoha* (food), is engaged in providing Medial Education and quality health care. The Institution has been providing medical services at affordable rates to the common man, he added.

Earlier, Karnataka State Commission for Women Chairperson Dr. Nagalakshmi Choudhary, who inaugurated the Breast Milk Bank, said that mother's breast milk is rich in nutrition. Stressing on the need for creating awareness about this, she said, about 30 percent of the newborn are born out of pre-mature delivery and the mothers of such babies commonly lack in quality breast milk. This Breast Milk Bank will help such mothers in feeding their babies, she said while highlighting the risks involved in feeding powdered milk to newborns.

New Cath Lab, AI-based CT Scanner, the Rs. 9 crore upgraded MRI Scanning unit and Neuro-surgery equipment were also launched on the occasion.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 Prof. S.P. Manjunath, JSS-AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh, Chancellor Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, JSS Hospital Director Dr. C.P. Madhu and others were present.

Traffic signal poles invade historic Elgin Fountain Circle

(Continued from page 1)

After the under-developed Millennium Circle (LIC Circle), it is this Elgin Fountain Circle which welcomes tourists and visitors to Mysuru city. But these traffic signal poles are marring the beauty of this Circle and may also erase the historic significance of the Circle. This development has also invited the wrath of the public, who are questioning the idea of installing traffic signal poles inside the Circle.

Mysuru City Police are adding 43 new traffic signals to the existing 53 traffic signal lights at various junctions across the city to reduce accidents and curb traffic violations. Though it may be a good move considering the density of traffic in future, steps should be also be taken to maintain the history of Circles and not spoil the beauty of the Circle with such unnecessary installations.

History of this Circle

According to senior journalist Gouri Satya, Elgin Fountain, one of the most beautiful fountains in city, was initially erected at the present K.R. Circle in honour of the visit of Lord Elgin, the Viceroy to Mysore on Nov. 20, 1895, to console the royal family on the bereavement of Maharaja Chamaraja Wadiyar on Dec. 28, the previous year.

The fountain was shifted from there to the present Dhanvanthri Road Circle where Dewan's Road meets after the statue of Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV was installed there by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). The statue of Krishnaraja Wadiyar was unveiled by Mysore's Dewan and Engineer Sir M. Visvesvaraya and it was named Krishnaraja Wadiyar Circle, now popularly called K.R. Circle.

But, the fountain was again shifted from there to the present place on Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, at the approach to Mysuru City and the Circle was named 'Rajendra Prasad Circle' to mark the maiden visit of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, by the MCC by passing a resolution. Over the years, the fountain came to be neglected resulting in minor damages to it and diminishing its beauty.

Concerned citizens recalled that in 2022, the MCC decided to beautify the Fountain Circle by removing the present fountain which had come as a shock. After much criticism from the public and heritage experts, the then Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who learnt about the history of Elgin Fountain, gave it a fresh coat of paint and installed iron grills around the Circle.

But now, the Traffic Police have installed traffic signal poles and another pole with a CCTV camera inside the Circle, which is only marring the beauty of the Circle. The citizens have urged the authorities concerned to get the traffic signal poles removed from the Circle immediately like they were cleared from the iconic Elephant Statue Circle, officially known as Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle (previously Highway Circle) in Bannimantap last month following public wrath.

Obituary

Srinivas

Nanjangud, Mar. 31- Srinivas (80), senior Congress leader, former Gram Panchayat Member and a resident of Hallididi village in the taluk, passed away on Sunday at the village. He leaves behind his wife Shivamma, children Nagamma, Manjula, Girish, Nagabhushan, Krishna and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the village yesterday.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

Architect and Academic Dr. H.S. Champa speaks about shaping young architects, preserving Mysuru's heritage and designing cities in harmony with nature.

ARCHITECTURE with a SOUL

As cities expand rapidly and natural landscapes come under pressure, architect and academician Dr. H.S. Champa advocates a context-sensitive, nature-conscious approach to design. With over two decades of experience in architecture and design education, she has contributed to urban design, conservation initiatives and academic leadership in Mysuru.

A graduate of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bengaluru, Dr. Champa holds Master's degrees in Ecology and Environment and Urban Design from New Delhi and the University of Mysore (UoM). She earned her Ph.D from UoM for her research titled 'Refurbishing the Identity of a City in Transition: An Urban Design Intervention into Development Paradigms of Mysuru.'

Currently Dean and Director of the Mysore School of Architecture (MSA), she has earlier served as Principal of the School of Design, UoM, taught at the Birla Institute of Technology, UAE and headed the SVS School of Architecture, Coimbatore.

Born and raised in Mysuru, she is also involved in heritage and environmental initiatives related to the Purnaiah Canal and Kukkarahalli Lake. *Star of Mysore* caught up with her for an exclusive conversation on architecture, cities and education. Excerpts:

> "While we take pride in our heritage, we must also recognise our responsibility in preserving it. The decline of heritage buildings in Mysuru has been discussed for years, but meaningful action has been limited."

Exploring historical monuments, models and drawing.

By Shadan Muneer

Star of Mysore (SOM): How are you shaping the next generation of architects? What qualities define a good architect?

Dr. H.S. Champa: Architecture goes beyond designing buildings; it shapes how people experience spaces and everyday life. At MSA, we encourage students to understand context and learn from both traditional knowledge and modern tools, including AI.

A good architect must balance innovation with culture, sustainability and strong technical skills, along with ethics and social responsibility. Real learning comes from observation and experience, not just textbooks. Ultimately, architecture is about how spaces make people feel a human connection, turning design into meaningful architecture.

SOM: What drew you to climate-responsive architecture and heritage studies?

Dr. Champa: My interest comes from growing up in village settings and traditional courtyard homes, where life was closely connected with nature.

Being from Mysuru also influenced me deeply. The city's heritage, shaped by the vision of the Maharajas, encourages a different way of looking at architecture. Over time, these early influences, along with my education and research, naturally led me towards climate-responsive design and heritage studies.

SOM: Many buildings in Mysuru are deteriorating due to poor maintenance. What are your views?

Dr. Champa: This is a concern shared by many Mysureans. While we take pride in our heritage, we must also recognise our responsibility in preserving it. The decline of heritage buildings has been discussed for years, but meaningful action has been limited.

Doodling as part of foundation course.

Conservation requires collective effort from the Government, professionals and the community. With timely awareness and coordinated action, Mysuru's heritage can still be restored and sustained as part of a living city.

SOM: What do Mysuru's heritage buildings mean to you, and how do you use them to guide your students?

Dr. Champa: Heritage, for me, goes beyond buildings. It includes culture, craft, traditions and ways of living. In Mysuru, architecture is part of a larger urban system where streets, public spaces and civic elements shape the city's identity. The city is distinctive enough to be recognised even without signboards, from Agraharas to clock towers and gateways. When I take students around the city, often on cycling tours, we study its layers of planning, materials, context and craftsmanship.

SOM: How does outdoor and site-based learning help students?

Dr. Champa: Architecture becomes meaningful when learning goes beyond the classroom. Site visits help students observe how spaces function in real life, understand materials and engage with the surrounding environment.

It allows them to connect architecture with nature, people and place rather than limiting learning to lectures. We often use parks, courtyards and places like Lingambudi Lake as living classrooms.

SOM: How are you contributing to the restoration of Kukkarahalli Lake?

Dr. Champa: My role is both as a concerned citizen and a professional, supporting nature-based approaches rather than heavy engineering solutions. The focus is on restoring the lake while retaining its natural character and addressing issues such as pollution and encroachment. It is a collective effort involving citizens, institutions and local groups, balancing public access with ecological protection.

SOM: You have worked on conserving the Purnaiah Canal. Why is restoring this historic water system important?

Dr. Champa: At MSA, we have studied Mysuru's natural drainage and canal systems through mapping and field exploration. Along with the Mysuru Water Forum, we see the Purnaiah Nala not just as a canal but as a potential ecological spine for the city.

Mysuru lacks adequate green lung spaces and this 25-km stretch could become a green corridor supporting biodiversity, improving the microclimate and creating community spaces.

Purnaiah, the Dewan of the Mysore Maharajas, designed this system to manage water efficiently as the city grew. Over time, urbanisation and encroachments disrupted it.

Historically, the canal network fed Kukkarahalli Lake. Reviving it can improve groundwater recharge, reduce flooding and restore the lake's natural inflow, crucial for Kukkarahalli's long-term survival and Mysuru's sustainable future.

SOM: You have worked on diverse projects such as resorts, residences and institutions. What kind of projects excite you the most?

Dr. Champa: Early in my career, I worked with architects in Goa and Bengaluru, where I learned to view projects not as isolated buildings but as part of a larger urban context. That experience later led me to start my own independent practice, with projects across Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

What excites me most are projects that engage directly with people and the city, particularly public spaces and urban interventions such as junction redesigns. Kurumba Village Resort in Coonoor remains a significant project in my portfolio and continues to be appreciated for its design.

Design discussion and deliberation with Dr. Champa.

SOM: The MSA redesigned Bogadi Road with a focus on safety and community participation. How important is accessibility in street design?

Dr. Champa: The redesign emerged from observing how people actually move through the city. As someone who cycles regularly, I have experienced how unsafe and inaccessible streets can be for pedestrians and non-motorised users.

The project involved students, residents and community groups. Its proximity to institutions like the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) made accessibility important, as many children and persons with disabilities use this route. The goal is to create streets that are safe, accessible and dignified for everyone.

SOM: Sunlight and fresh air are natural sanitisers. How do you design buildings that reduce dependence on artificial lighting and air conditioning?

Dr. Champa: We focus on natural ventilation, cross-ventilation and daylight while preserving vegetation and minimising disturbance to the site.

Traditional architecture followed these principles through courtyards, proper orientation and material choices. Today, we are rediscovering and adapting those ideas to create buildings that "breathe" naturally and reduce the need for artificial cooling.

SOM: Architecture and leadership can be demanding. How do you balance professional and personal life?

Dr. Champa: I am fortunate to have a supportive family, which makes a big difference. For me, work is something I genuinely enjoy and see as part of life rather than a rigid routine.

I also believe in fostering independence within the family, where responsibilities are shared. That naturally creates a balance between professional and personal life.

Malladi Brothers perform for Ramanavami Music Fest

Malladi Brothers (Malladi Sreeramaprasad and Malladi Ravikumar) presenting a vocal concert at Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira on N.S. Road in city last evening as part of the 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival. They are accompanied by Vid. Nishanth Chandran on violin, Vid. Malladi Sivanand on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata.

Veena-Violin Jugalbandhi by Vidu. Jayanthi Kumaresh & Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi

Vidu. Jayanthi Kumaresh and Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi presenting Veena-Violin Jugalbandhi at Smt. Alammana Choultry in Srirampet last evening as part of the 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026 organised by Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru. They are accompanied by Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata.

Mahaveer Ahimsa Award presented to Teacher-Social Worker

Teacher and Social Worker Sujatha R. Shetty, who was conferred Sri Mahaveer Ahimsa Award during Mahaveer Jayanti celebrations organised in city yesterday, seen with Mahaveer Seva Samsthan team.

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (SPN&DM)- "In the present times, we should follow Bhagwan Mahaveer's philosophy of helping the people around us too to live a dignified life," said Teacher and Social Worker Sujatha R. Shetty.

She was speaking after being conferred with Mahaveer Ahimsa Award at the Mahaveer Jayanti celebrations organised by Sri Mahaveer Seva Samsthan at M.L. Vardhamanaiah Memorial Hall on Chandragupta Road in the heart of the city yesterday.

Maintaining that the society recognises us naturally when we do our work with dedication, determination and discipline, Sujatha Shetty observed that there need not be a special publicity for this. "Social service will help in forgetting our sorrows at least for some time. I took to social activities and volunteering with the co-operation of everybody, after my husband passed away. We are supporting needy and talented students through P.R. Shetty Trust, which is engaged in rewarding over 300 high scoring SSLC students studying in Government Schools of Mysuru taluk. The Trust is also engaged in holding health check-up camps," she said.

"I developed a connection with Jain religion when I studied at Ujire and came in close contact with the family of Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade. I worked as a volunteer for over 15 days when Gommateshwara statue was installed at Dharmasthala years ago. This service and other social activities have helped me in getting recognised and honoured here," she pointed out.

Digambar Jain Samaj District Unit President M.R. Sunilkumar, Padmashri Jain Mahila Samaj District Unit President J.N. Nandini Sanjay, M.L. Boarding Home Joint Secretary Jayaratna, community leader Anantha Prasad and others were present.

MCC trains staff for Census-2027

(Continued from page 1)

After last day of self-enumeration ends on Apr. 15, the enumerators will carry out house-listing and housing census between Apr. 16 and May 16. The data collected will be safe and secured with no scope for any misuse or tampering.

Ahead of the census, the MCC held a 2-day training session for enumerators on Mar.29 and 30 at 16 centres spread across the city.

In Mysuru city limits (MCC limits), the conduct of census operations has been divided into 2,556 blocks, with the deployment of 344 supervisors, who also include 32 reserved personnel. There will be a Supervisor for every 6 enumerators. As many as 750 enumerators who have been assigned for census duty, were given training in 15 batches on Mar. 29 and 30, while the rest of the enumerators will be given training between Apr. 3 and 7.

As per the last census held in 2011, Mysuru city had a population of 14,62,400. However, the population of the city will be more than double, with the inclusion of people residing in Chamundi Hill, Ajjayyanapura and Hootagalli.

Meanwhile, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the Principal Census Officer of the district, has issued a public notification asking the citizens of Mysuru district to do self-enumeration of their family members by following the simple steps specified by the Office of the Chief Census Officer and get Self-Enumeration ID number.

This can be done in the period between Apr. 1 and 15, 2026 by visiting the website ***www.se.census.gov.in***

After getting the ID number, the citizens can present this number to the census enumerators who visit homes for field validation and thereby complete the census formalities.

The MCC has appealed the citizens to voluntarily take part in self-enumeration and co-operate with the authorities in carrying out the census smoothly, according to a press release issued by the MCC Commissioner, who is also the Chief Census Officer of Mysuru city.

The 9 simple steps to be followed for self-enumeration are: **1.** Access and Initial Login; **2.** Household registration; **3.** Language selection and OTP verification; **4.** Providing location details of your residence **5.** Locating your residence on Map; **6.** Completing the questionnaire; **7.** Review of entered data; **8.** Final submission and **9.** Field validation.

All India Music Dance Artistes Association Mysore Division Committee

Dr. Chitra

Bengaluru, Mar. 31- The first Annual General Meeting of the All India Music Dance Artistes Association was held at Sri Gururaja Sabha Bhavan, Bengaluru, on Mar. 29, under the leadership of Association National President Sai Narayana Kalmadka.

On this occasion, a new Committee of the Mysore Division (Mysuru, Srirangapatna, Chamarajanagar, K.R. Nagar, Madikeri, T. Narasipur) of the Music Dance Artistes Association was formed under the Co-ordination of Vidu. Dr. Nagalakshmi.

Vidu. Dr. Chitra Biligiri as President, Vidu. S. Geetha and Vidu. Sheela Prabha as Vice-Presidents, Vid. Gunashankar as Secretary, Vid. Rajath Vasa as Joint Secretary and music & dance artistes Vidu. Meghana, Vid. Mahesh, Vidu. Ramya Raghavendra, Vidu. Aditi, Vidu. Soujanya, Vidu. Sunidhi, Chandrika, K. Asha Rani, G.S. Shravani, K.S. Sashikala, Adithi Bhat as Directors, were elected unopposed to the Committee. They took an oath to work selflessly for the progress of artistes.

Police Helpline addresses over 46,341 cases in Mysuru

- Founder-President interacts with volunteers at Spandana event
- People in distress may call Helpline 0821 - 2418400

*Seen are (sitting on chair from left) **Ashok, Inspector, Mahila Police Station; Lolakshi, Inspector, Lashkar Police Station; Dr. C. Chandrashekar, Retd. IPS Officer and Founder-President of Mysuru Police Helpline; Dr. Latha Muthanna; Dwarakanath and Dr. S.N. Mothi, Vice-President, Mysuru Police Helpline, with Sheriff, Rukmini Chandran, Rajanna, Dr. Srirama, other volunteers of Helpline and Police support staff.***

Mysuru, Mar. 31- 'Spandana' programme of Mysuru Police Helpline was held in city recently in the presence of its Founder-President Dr. C. Chandrashekar, a retired IPS Officer.

Mysuru Police Helpline was started in the year 2000 by the then City Police Commissioner Dr. C. Chandrashekar, when the city witnessed 3 adolescents committing suicide in a span of 1 month. One of the three was a school girl studying in 9th std. and was unable to cope up with age-related adolescent stress.

About 30 volunteers came together to setup a Counselling Centre under the aegis of Mysuru City Police Department.

A Committee was constituted with the City Police Commissioner as the President and Dr. S.N. Mothi of Asha Kirana Charitable Trust, Hospital & Research Centre, Mysuru, as Vice-President. The Executive Committee comprised Secretary, Treasurer and 6 Committee Members.

The volunteers who enrolled into this initiative are from different walks of life like doctors, advocates, retired Bank Managers, Ex-Army Officers, scientists and spouses. Periodic training on counselling skills was provided to the volunteers to improve the strategies and approach to the grieving clients.

There is always a need for additional training programme to further improvise skills in counselling. Either one or two volunteers conduct a slot of 3-hour sessions. Three such sessions per day are conducted 7 days a week between 10 am and 8 pm.

Detailed documenting of the demographics of the clients and the types of problems has been maintained since the beginning.

So far, Mysuru Police Helpline has addressed over 46,341 cases. Inflow of clients is referred by network of Police Stations and some of them are direct walk-in clients. It has 70% solvency rate.

Ashok, Inspector at Mahila Police Station, said that this Helpline decreases the burden of cases which can be solved just by listening to the case for a few sessions.

Dr. Chandrashekar, who raised concerns about the drug menace in city during the interaction, said he felt gratifying to see Mysuru Police Helpline complete 26 years.

This is a standalone non-political, non-religious, self-funded voluntary organisation providing service free of cost. The issues related to dowry harassment, sexual harassment, marital discord, depression, drug addiction, suicidal tendencies, poverty, milder forms of mental illness, financial instability, family disputes, disputes with neighbours and other cases are addressed at this Helpline.

About 12% of the total cases were potential suicide cases — potential suicide case is defined as any person having suicidal thoughts, intents, attempts since past 7 days or more. Any unbearable frustration cases can be potential suicide cases if the issues are not addressed on time.

In WHO Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020, WHO Member States committed themselves to working towards the global target of reducing suicide rate in countries by 10%.

The Mysuru Police Helpline has been strategically articulating with WHO's response on suicide prevention. It is a comprehensive multisectoral suicide prevention strategy at the community-level as per the requirements specified by WHO.

This Mysuru model can be extrapolated to all districts of the State and other States of India. This is also cost-effective in nature. The volunteers work with a zeal and commitment once experienced with satisfying outcomes. This model not only helps in suicide prevention as part of their programme but also addresses marital issues, violence, abuse, loss and a sense of isolation.

The Police Helpline Office located near Lashkar Police Station in city is open round-the-clock and the Helpline number is 0821 - 2418400.

Archaeology multidisciplinary science now: UoM Registrar

University of Mysore Registrar M.K. Savitha lighting the lamp to inaugurate the special lecture at the Department of Zoology, Manasagangothri in city recently as noted Archaeozoologist and Environmental Archaeologist C.V. Sharada and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&BCT)- Archaeology today is no longer confined to excavation alone but has evolved into a multidisciplinary scientific field, said M.K. Savitha, Registrar of the University of Mysore (UoM).

She was speaking after inaugurating a talk on 'Archaeozoology: Ancient Animals and Modern Science' organised at the Department of Zoology, Manasagangothri, in collaboration with The Academy Trust (tAcT) and Department of Ancient History and Archaeology recently.

Savitha said, archaeology reconstructs human history through the scientific study of buried remains, helping researchers piece together the lives and cultures of the past. "By uncovering the past, archaeology enables us to trace human evolution and better understand ancient societies," she noted.

She pointed out that modern archaeological research now draws on several scientific disciplines such as chemistry, geology, physics and biology to deepen understanding of the past.

Highlighting the importance of archaeozoology, she said the study of animal remains from archaeological sites offers valuable insights into ancient diets, domestication practices, environmental conditions and trade networks. Such findings help researchers understand how early communities interacted with nature and managed resources.

Savitha added that modern techniques such as DNA analysis, isotopic studies and advanced imaging have transformed archaeological research, enabling scientists to reconstruct ancient ecosystems and trace species evolution. Karnataka's archaeological heritage is rich, with sites such as Haladur and Brahmagiri yielding fossils and evidence of early human-animal interactions, including hunting, agriculture and trade.

Noted Archaeozoologist and Environmental Archaeologist C.V. Sharada (Assistant Professor at IIT-Gandhinagar). retired Physics Professor Dr. K.S. Mallesh, Dr. Seetharam of The Academy Trust, Zoology Department Head Dr. V. Shakunthala and Ancient History and Archaeology Department Head Dr. V. Shobha were present.

Gen. K.S. Thimayya remembered on his 120th birth anniversary

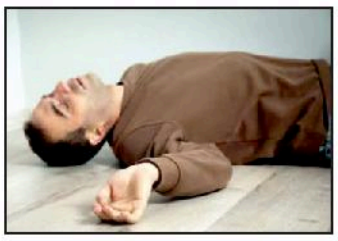
Mysuru, Mar. 31- The 120th birth anniversary of Gen. K.S. Thimayya was celebrated at Kodava Samaja in Vijayanagar, here this morning by offering floral tributes to his portrait.

General Kodandera Subayya Thimayya (March 31, 1906 - December 18, 1965) was a distinguished Indian Army Officer who served as the 6th Chief of Army Staff from 1957 to 1961. Born in Madikeri, Kodagu, his birth anniversary is observed to honour his role in World War II, the 1948 Kashmir War and his leadership of international UN Peacekeeping Missions.

Kodava Samaja President Ponjanda A. Ganapathy presided over the event attended by members and office-bearers of the Samaja, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Kodagu Sahakara Sangha and Youth Wing among others.

WORD OF THE DAY

Oblivion



Pronunciation: uh-BLIV-ee-un (noun)
Meaning: Oblivion can refer to the state of something that is not remembered or thought about any more, or to the state of being unconscious or unaware. It also sometimes refers to the state of being destroyed.
Origin: Oblivion asks forgetfulness of us in both its meaning and etymology. The word's Latin source, oblīvīscī, means "to forget, to put out of mind," and since its 14th century adoption into English, oblivion has hewed close to meanings having to do with forgetting. The word has also long had an association with the River Lethe which according to Greek myth flowed through the Underworld and caused anyone who drank its water to forget their past; 17th century poet John Milton wrote about "Lethe the River of Oblivion" in Paradise Lost. The adjective oblivious ("lacking remembrance, memory, or mindful attention") followed oblivion a century later, but not into oblivion — both words have proved obdurate against the erosive currents of time.
Example: "... automobiles with manual transmission appear to be on a road to oblivion as technology transforms cars into computers on wheels." — Michael Diedtke, The Columbian (Vancouver, Washington), 3 Jan. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Obolary

Extremely poor.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pig in a poke

Meaning: You use the phrase 'Pig in a poke' to indicate that an offering or deal has been foolishly accepted without prior examination.
Origin: The origin of the expression 'Pig in a poke' comes from the 1500s, when a "poke" was a sack, and merchants would sell piglets in pokes, often sight unseen. When an unsuspecting buyer got his poke home and went to release the piglet, a chicken, duck, goose, or some other animal less valuable than a pig would come out of the bundle instead. The advice being given is "don't buy anything until you have seen it."
Example: "Be careful about buying that old car. It might turn out to be a pig in a poke."

QUOTE BOX

Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind.

—Rudyard Kipling

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Sand Box.

SUDOKU

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3					2			

Answer to previous puzzle

7	1	6	9	5	4	2	8	3
8	3	5	7	2	1	9	4	6
9	2	4	8	6	3	7	5	1
2	6	9	4	7	8	1	3	5
3	5	1	2	9	6	4	7	8
4	8	7	1	3	5	6	9	2
1	7	2	3	8	9	5	6	4
6	4	8	5	1	7	3	2	9
5	9	3	6	4	2	8	1	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ like : have a wish for, colloquially speaking?
5 Chow mein enhancer
8 Overabundance
12 2024 Olympics bronze medallist ___ Bhaker
13 Household god
14 Rajput king ___ Pratap
15 Fail to impress? (3,2,3)
17 Coloured diaphragm of eye
18 Video file extension
19 Throws out forcibly
21 Intestinal pouches
24 The theatre
25 Pretty? No, just the opposite!
26 A sour substance
27 Denial in Scotland?
30 Curved bone
31 Make amends
32 Sep sequel
33 Cry of disapproval
34 Sell (informal)
35 Plaintiff
36 Its grain is ground into flour for making bread
38 Mr. Owens the African American track star?
39 ___ away : discarded?
41 Adult male
42 Crude person
43 Cricket fielding position (5,3)
48 Biblical prophet
49 Annoy
50 Misfortunes
51 Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (UK)
52 US Civil war side, in short
53 African river

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	U	T		B	A	I			T	I	E	
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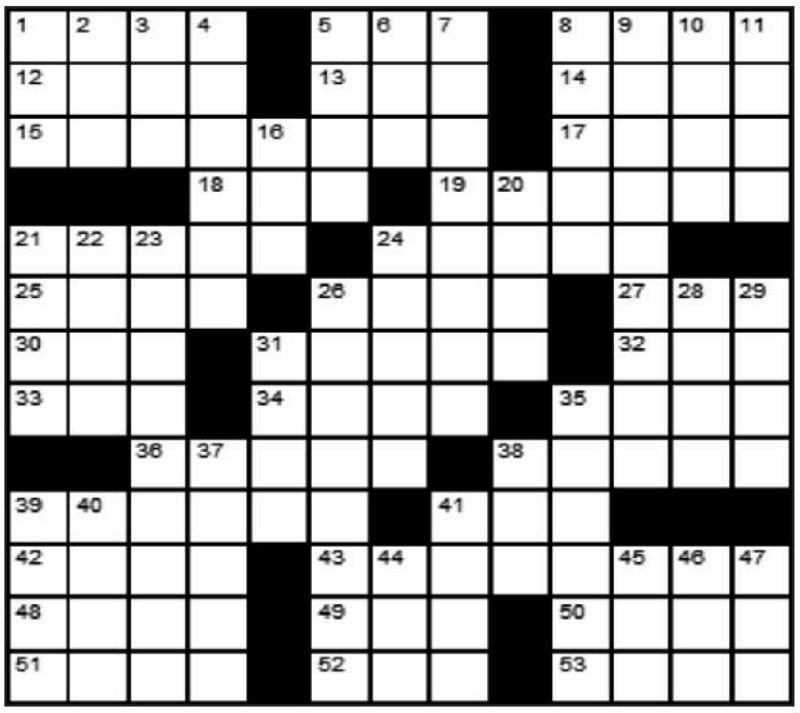
DOWN

1 Flight Mgmnt. Comp.
2 Loire's contents
3 Ear, nose and throat specialist, in short
4 Insanity
5 Roman 1052
6 Anatomical pouch
7 Salutation
8 Norwegian composer - "e.g. rig" anagram?
9 Thieving
10 It counts as one
11 Pravda's provider
16 Egg cells
20 Green gemstone
21 Restrain or control
22 Exchange fee
23 Leeway or latitude (5,4)
24 Hurry away on a 2-wheeler ?
26 Second largest ocean
28 Hotshots
29 "To be" in Paris?
31 Not many (1,3)
35 Submit (4,2)
37 Hobby ___ : favourite subject or idea?
38 Sound discordantly
39 Ski lift - "brat" anagram ? (1-3)
40 Household
41 ___ Hakkinen: 1998-1999 F1 Champion
44 Day divs.
45 1051 in Roman numerals
46 The entirety
47 Natl. Stock Exchg.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GS GX DBS SQM EBFDSYGD AM

JBDKFMI NFS BFIXMCPMX.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Our worth is determined by the good deeds we do, rather than by the fine emotions we feel.

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	(S-4)	8.00 am, 12.35 pm, 5.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.05 pm
Youth (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm

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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	11.00 am, 3.30 pm, 12.30 pm, 5.00 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Happy Raj (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Janmadaathe (K)	:	10.15 am

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	: 8.00 am, 8.15 am, 8.40 am, 9.15 am, 12.45 pm, 1.00 pm 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm, 5.45 pm 9.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10. 30 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (K)	: 9.00 am, 5.15 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	: 10.10 am, 12.45 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Youth (Ta)	: 1.45 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	: 2.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	: 4.40 pm
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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	: 8.15 am, 9.40 am, 11.55 am, 1.00 pm, 5.15 pm, 5.45 pm 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	: 4.45 pm
Prathichaya (Ma)	: 1.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	: 2.25 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm

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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	: 7.15 am, 8.15 am, 9.10 am, 12.00 pm, 1 pm, 4.45 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	: 10 am, 1.50 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	: 12.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Youth (Ta)	: 3.50 pm
Happy Raj (Te)	: 10.00 pm

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Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	: 8.15 am, 12.00 pm, 1.00 pm, 4.45 pm 5.45 pm, 10.30 pm,
Dhurandhar The Revenge (K)	: 9.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	: 7.25 pm, 10.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 31)

- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Skanda Bhajana Mandali, Vidyaranyapuram, **5 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Vid. Anish V. Bhat, Mangaluru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru and Sri Sutra Ayuurdhama and All Inner Wheel Clubs of Mysore, Nanjangud and Hunsur:** International Women's Day celebrations, CAVA Administrator Nirmala Mathapati inaugurates, JSS Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital Consultant Ayurvedic Surgeon Dr. J.V. Adithya guest speaker, IEI Mysuru Chairman H.S. Suresh Babu presides, felicitation to Maladevi and Dr. Sabike Noobia, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, **5.30 pm.**
- **Jana Chaitanya Foundation:** 'Naa Haadalu Neevu Haadabeku,' a musical evening of Kannada, Hindi, Telugu and Tamil film songs, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal presides, K.R. Hospital Superintendent Dr. Shobha, Sri Vidyabharati Credit Co-operative Society President Ranganathaiah, retd. Principal Shambhu, Savigannada Pratrike Founder Ranganath Mysore, Environment Activist Satish Parisara, K.R. Hospital Surgeon Dr. Subhash and Senior Guitarist Bobby chief guests, Foundation President R. Lakshman presides, behind T.S. Subbanna Sarvajanika Hostel, 4th Cross, opp. DGTM School, Vidyaranyapuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Ramanavami, violin recital by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar, **6 pm;** Varapuje, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **8 pm.**
- **Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal concert by Vidu. Amritha Murali from Chennai, accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, N.S. Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Vocal Duet by Akkarai Sisters (Vidu. S. Subhalakshmi and Vidu. S. Sornalatha), accompanied by Vid. Gokul on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Ranganath Chakravathy on ghata, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 1)

- **Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC):** Architectural Exhibition featuring the works of celebrated South African architect Peter Rich titled 'Landscape Architecture - Architecture Landscape,' JCAC Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Nannavva Samskrutika Kalatanda, Mysuru:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 136th birth anniversary celebrations, songs and seminar, former Minister B. Somashekar inaugurates, Suttur Gram Panchayat President G. Marahalli Rangaswamy presides, offering of floral tributes by Technical Assistant Engineer M. Kiran Kumar, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal presents talk on 'Bhadra Bharata Subhadra Sambidhanadinda,' retd. Teacher Dr. Gangadharappa and poetess Prabha Sastry Josyula chief guests, Namana Kala Mantapa, Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle), **11 am.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and Khel Tamasha:** Engaging masterclass titled 'Rasas & Bhavas - The Language of Emotions' as part of the People's United Dialogues - Masterclass Series, by renowned Kathakali actor and teacher Prasobh Kalamandalam, IIET premises, Hardwicke School Campus, JLB Road, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 96868-92255]
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Balaji Bhajana Mandali, Mysuru, **5.30 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Vidu. Akshatha Rudrapatna, Bengaluru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Moonlight Music-290 programme, sitar concert by **Ustad Dr. Mohasin Khan**, accompanied by **Pt. Rajendra Nakod** on tabla, Suttur Mutt-Mysuru Branch premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

- **Andal Mandiram:** Guided introduction to the timeless wisdom of Srimad Bhagavad Gita by Sri Eswaran, Founder-Acharya, Vedanta Institute Bangalore, Andal Mandiram, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7 pm.** [Mob: 90358-96665]
- **Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal recital by Vid. Sai Vignesh, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vid. Srinidhi Koundinya on ghata, Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, N.S. Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Classical Music by Vid. Sikkil Gurucharan, accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Ramanavami, Sri Sita Rama Kalyanotsava, Pancha Piteelu Vadana (violin recital) by Dr. H.S. Thandavamurthy and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Sita Rama Shayanotsava, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **8.15 pm.**

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Apr. 1: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Karnatak Music on Western Wind instruments, Saxophone Recital by **Vid. Harish Pandav**, accompanied by **Vid. M.D. Arjun** on violin, **Vid. Kumarswamy** on mridanga, **Vid. T.A. Ramanuja** on morching, **6 pm;** Clarionet recital by **Mohan Ramu** with same accompanists as above, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

Mysuru to get Diabetology Instt.

Mysuru, Mar. 31- The State Government is in the process of establishing Institutes of Diabetology in Mysuru and Kalaburagi to strengthen specialised care for diabetes patients, said Minister for Medical Education Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil.

He was speaking after inaugurating a pan-India diabetes foot care awareness, counselling and screening campaign called 'Prayaas' at the Government Institute of Medical Sciences in Kalaburagi on Monday.

Highlighting the importance of the campaign, he said that mobile medical units equipped with necessary facilities will travel to district & taluk centres to screen patients and create awareness on foot care among diabetics.

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TODAY'S MATCH MARCH 31

PBKS Vs GT
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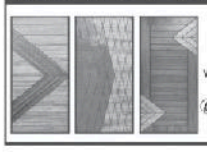
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